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SUBKKCT: KOREA AT 28TH UNGA

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1. ON SEPTEMBER 21, AT HIS REQUEST, KOREAN AMBASSADOR KYU SUP CHUNG CALLED TO INFORM ME THAT DURING RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH TUNISIAN MOFA OFFICIALS HE RECEIVED MIXED, IF NOT CONFLICTING, SIGNALS RE GOT POSITION ON KOREA IN CURRENT UNGA. ON SEPTEMBER 18 SECRETARY GENERAL MESTIRI INFORMALLY INDICATED CONTINUED TUNISIAN SUPPORT FOR CONCEPT OF CONCURRENT ADMISSION OF BOTH KOREAS. ON SEPTEMBER 19, HOWEVER, DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS, SALAH LADGHAM IN RATHRE ARGUMENTATIVE MOOD DISCUSSED LANGUAGE OF OMNIBUS DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA (PASSED TO LADGHAM BY CHUNG DURING MEETING) AND PARTICULARLY NOTED: (A) NORTH KOREAN OPPOSITION TO CONCEPT OF DUAL ENTRY AS SPEELED OUT IN ARTICLE THREE OF DRAFT AND (B) UNALIGNED WORLD DISAPPROVAL OF IDEA OF STATIONING OF FOREIGN TROOPS IN OTHER COUNTRIES AS ENVISAGED BY ARTICLE 4. IN LIGHT OF THIS DEVELOPMENT AMBASSADOR CHUNG STATED THAT DESPITE HIS INSTRUCTION, HE DECIDED AGAINST MAKING PITCH TO LADGHAM FOR TUNISIAN
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CO-SPONSORSHIP OF OMNIBUS RESOLUTION. CHUNG PLANS,

HOWEVER, TO CALL FORMALLY ON MESTIRI ON SEPTEMBER 26 TO SEEK CLARIFICATION OF GOT POSITION. CHUNG PROMISED TO KEEP ME INFORMED OF OUTCOME THIS MEETING, WHILE ALSO REQUESTING WHATEVER ASSISTANCE EMBASSY MIGHT PROVIDE.

2. I ASSURED CHUNG OF OUR SUPPORT AND TOLD HIM THAT ON SEPTEMBER 24 EMBASSY OFFICER WILL CALL ON MADAME TNANI, CHIEF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND CONFERENCES DESK, TO PRESENT AGAIN US GOVERNMENT POSITION ON KOREA AND TO SEEK TUNISIAN SUPPORT. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT IF THE OPPORTUNITY ARISES, I WILL TAKE UP THE MATTER AT A HIGHER LEVEL.

3. COMMENT: IT MAY WELL BE THAT DESPITE EARLIER TUNISIAN ASSURANCE (SEE TUNIS 4771) GOT MAY NOW BE HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF IMPACT OF RECENT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY BECAUSE OF SPONSORSHIP OF PRO-NORTH KOREAN RESOLUTION BY ALGERIA WITH WHICH TUNISIA IS CURRENTLY TRYING TO IMPROVE RELATION IN CONTEXT OF MAGHREBIAN SOLIDARITY. THUS, WHILE I WILL BRING MATTER UP AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL, SHOULD OCCASION PRESENT ITSELF, I AM FRANKLY SKEPTICAL THAT GOT WILL ACCEDE TO BECOMING A CO-SPONSOR OF THIS RESOLUTION.
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